

## WHY?



### HOW IS THE JUNIOR COMMISSION PROGRAM FUNDED?

~ The DSCI Junior Commissioners provides an opportunity for students to undergo a leadership program, specifically implemented for those with hearing loss or those who desire experience in the deaf world. Students also gain the experience of meeting many new faces, those who play great roles in the community, more peers, and others. ~

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~ The financial support for this program is underwritten by the donations of individuals, non-profits, and private organizations.

Sertoma Clubs of Iowa are our major sponsors. Their special interest and support has contributed greatly to the development and continuation of this program.

Deaf Services Commission staff and Commissioners along with a number of volunteers contribute their time and talents to this successful program ~



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~ This program offers a unique opportunity for leadership development among Deaf, Hard of Hearing, CODA's, and Hearing teens. ~

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### WHO CAN QUALIFY TO SERVE AS A JR. COMMISSIONER?

- Any students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, CODA's, or Hearing.
- Grades 7-12.
- No applicant will be discriminated against because of race, religion, color, age, gender, national origin, or disability.

**To get an application, please contact the DSCI office or go to the website.**



## WHAT?



The Junior Commission Program has evolved into a program with numerous opportunities to gather and discuss deaf-related topics. Participants go to the Junior Commissioner Program camp for a week in the summer, and then there are three subsequent meetings following that for the year (in September, February, and May).

- Meet the Governor and state Legislators (subject to availability)
- Tour the State Capital
- Attend stimulating workshops
- Discuss issues facing Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities
- Learn problem solving skills, student empowerment, and leadership skills

Additionally, in the May meeting, students also will develop a list of recommendations to be presented to the DSCI Commission. Following the Commission meeting, a closing ceremony will take place. Family & friends will be invited to attend the ceremony that recognizes the Jr. Commissioner for their participation in shaping the future.

## DSCI?

### WHAT IS DSCI?

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa is a government-appointed body; workers here set the policies, serve and represent the needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. As a division within the Iowa Department of Human Rights, we also create and implement individualized programs that better serve the community.

DSCI encourages citizen awareness, enhanced communication accessibility, and consultation services by working cooperatively with the general public and other government and private organizations.

